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REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BUREAU
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OF LABOR UNIONS.

(From October 21 to November 12, 1929)

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.....On November 11 a conference was held by the English, American, and Irish delegates. After Comrade Lozovski's speech, in which the principal problems confronting the revolutionary wing of the trade union movement of England, Ireland, and ^{the} United States were expounded, debates arose in which comrades from various countries participated. Comrade Daly (Ireland) stated that the Irish labor movement, particularly its left wing, is striving to break away from its island isolation, but that the difficulties in this respect are very great owing to the unique nature of the Irish labor movement in connection with party work behind the scenes. Comrade Menury, an Irish workwoman, stated that the conception of communism existed amongst the Irish workmen long before they became acquainted with the name of Karl Marx. The movement of the Irish nation has always been socialistic and revolutionary. Comrade Williams (England) observed that the principal obstacle to the success of economic struggles is the passive resistance by the reactionary trade union bureaucracy. First of all the trade union network must be broken down. Only then will it be possible to advance. Comrade Pingo (England) accused the Menshevist Movement

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Movement of going ahead too far, of being insufficiently flexible, and adapting itself poorly to the psychology of the masses. Comrade Drew (a workwoman of the United States) attributed the insufficient success achieved in the work of the revolutionary wing in the American trade union movement to the fact that the revolutionaries had hoped too long that a left-wing opposition would be formed within the American Federation of Labor, and owing to this paid little attention to organizing the unorganized workmen. Now the revolutionaries have made the formation and development of independent revolutionary trade union organizations the keystone of their work. And that this work bears fruit is testified to by the birth and growth of independent revolutionary trade unions of textile workers, leather workers, garment workers, etc. The interest of all the participants in the meeting was greatly attracted by the speech of Comrade Heiman, president of the revolutionary union of garment workers of the United States, who dwelt in detail upon the methods of work of the revolutionary wing in its struggle against right wing trade union bureaucracy, upon the exceptional difficulties which have to be overcome at every step by the agitators and organizers of the revolutionary trade unions, etc. Also Comrade Joseph Rollings (England), Comrade Korf, president of the railwaymen of the United States, Comrade Henderson, a Negro workwoman from the United States, and others participated in the debates.

The conferences of Comrade Lozovski and the members of the Executive Bureau with foreign workmen elected by the entire laboring mass directly at the factories establish direct contact between the leading organs of the international revolutionary

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revolutionary labor union movement and the workmen of the rank and file in capitalistic countries, and thereby promote the absorption of the principles of new tactics of the revolutionary labor union movement by the very body of the international proletariat. This is the main purport of the conferences which take place.

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